



CITY OF VICTORIA

PROCLAMATION

“AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV DAY”

- WHEREAS** *India-Canada bilateral ties are underpinned by shared values of democracy, pluralism, expanding economic engagement, regular high-level interactions and long-standing people-to-people ties; and*
- WHEREAS** *there is a strong bilateral relation between British Columbia and India; and*
- WHEREAS** *British Columbia is proud home to over 400,000 to people of Indian origin; and*
- WHEREAS** *August 15, 2022 marks the 75th anniversary of Independence Day of India, the official journey of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations commenced on 12th March 2021 which started a 75-week countdown to India 75th anniversary of independence and will end post a year on 15th August 2023; and*
- WHEREAS** *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav means, "Elixir of energy of independence; elixir of inspirations of the warriors of freedom struggle; elixir of new ideas and pledges; and elixir of Aatmanirbharta or self-reliance; and*
- WHEREAS** *this Mahotsav is a festival of awakening of the nation; a festival of fulfilling the dream of good governance; a festival of global peace and development; and*
- WHEREAS** *this celebration is dedicated to the ordinary people of India who have not only been instrumental in bringing India thus far in its evolutionary journey, but also hold within them the power and potential to enable country's vision of activating India 2.0, fuelled by the spirit of Aatmanirbhar Bharat or Self-reliant India; and*
- WHEREAS** *like the history of India's freedom movement, the journey of 75 years after independence is a reflection of the hard work, innovation, enterprise of ordinary Indians whether in the country or abroad.*
- NOW, THEREFORE** *I do hereby proclaim Monday August 15th, 2022 as “AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV DAY” on the HOMELANDS of the Lekwungen speaking SONGHEES AND ESQUIMALT PEOPLE in the CITY OF VICTORIA, CAPITAL CITY of the PROVINCE of BRITISH COLUMBIA.*
- IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, *I hereunto set my hand this 4th day of August, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.*

LISA HELPS
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA

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